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SAN JOAQUIN PARTNERSHIP

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is successful because of the significant involvement of the Governor's Cabinet, its high level visibility, and the short timeline that brings focus and intensity to the tasks. The goal of any continuing effort should be to keep what works, and make what is working - work better.

Specifically:

- The goals of the Work Groups need to be coordinated and supported through the period of implementation,
- Regional collaboration, now begun, should be facilitated,
- Modest resources need to be provided to support active and productive Work Groups,
- Regular reports to the Governor, the Legislature and the Region need to measure progress and mark achievements,
- An aggressive program of outreach and communication needs to engage the public on the Partnership, its vision and accomplishments, and
- Coordination between State, Federal and Local Agencies needs to be improved.

PURPOSE

The San Joaquin Partnership (formerly the Governor's Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley) has a single defined and focused area of activity: accomplishment of the policies and implementation of the goals and strategies developed under the Governor's Executive Order.

These activities will take place in issue focused Work Groups that are the natural evolution of the existing Work Groups – with the participation of regional stakeholders, other interested parties and agencies as appropriate. The Work Groups will focus on refining strategies and on the implementation of achievable goals as identified in the 2006 Partnership Report to Governor Schwarzenegger.

STRUCTURE

The San Joaquin Partnership should consist of a Policy Board composed of:

- 1 Partnership Chairperson (Cabinet Member, appointed by the Governor)
- 2 Regional legislators, one Democrat and one Republican
- 1 Chair of the Federal Interagency Task Force
- 8 Chairs of each of the Work Groups
- 8 County Representative from each county
- 8 City Representative from each county
- 1 Blueprint (COG) Representative
- 1 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Representative
(Other members as may be determined by the Partnership)

The Partnership will meet quarterly. An Executive Committee, chosen by the Partnership Members, will meet monthly.

In addition to overseeing and ensuring the implementation of the specific recommendations of the Work Groups, the Partnership Policy Board will be responsible for budgets, cross functional coordination, communications, accountability, metrics and annual progress reports to the Governor and the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative and fiscal support needs to be provided to the Partnership and its member Work Groups, replacing the support currently provided by Secretary McPeak's office, the Governor's Administration and by the pro bono efforts of the Great Valley Center and CSU Fresno. Administrative responsibilities would include meeting and event logistics, communications, fiscal management, metrics and the production of an Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature, and an annual Partnership Meeting or Summit.

Assuming funds are available, the Partnership could provide grants and funding for pilot projects, to support implementation strategies and improve outreach and coordination in the cities and counties of the region. In addition, administrative grants should be provided to Work Groups for technical and administrative support when necessary.

In order to minimize costs and overhead, the ongoing work of the Partnership can be housed within an existing agency or non-profit organization, to use and leverage the administrative and technical capacity of the host. Creating a new organization creates unnecessary redundancy and inefficiency.